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1. Many observers have advanced the theory that Marshal Pibul Songgram was involved in the plot uncovered 16 November to overthrow the Thamrong government, but no official claims or reliable reports involving the former Premier were presented.
2. A Siamese newspaper reporter, with long experience in reporting political affairs, states the present conspirators planned to offer the Premiership to Seni Pramoj, with Marshal Pibul as Deputy Premier. (Field comment: The Siamese newspaperman is a member of the Democratic Party and a close friend of Seni Pramoj.)
3. A possible indication that Marshal Pibul was involved was the fact that an unnamed army major known to have been implicated in the plot is an intimate of Pibul's former military "right hand", Lt. Gen. Khumplot Baraphot. Gen. Khumplot led an army march on Bangkok from Lopburi in 1944 to aid Pibul when the latter was ousted as Premier; the Japanese refused to allow the march to the capital. The General is now living in Bangkok in retirement.

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